

## THE FISHERY PIER, KINSALE.

### THE CONTRACTOR AND THE SPECIFICATION.

AT the Kinsale Town Commissioners' meeting, Mr. O'Neill said he wished to bring under notice a matter of great importance to the people of Kinsale. It was in reference to the building of the pier. He had closely observed the way it was being built as far as it went, and for a time he was under the impression that what he had seen was intended as an outside base, but he had been assured that it was intended as the front face of it, and he was astonished that such unsightly and temporary work should be sanctioned—a work on which such a large sum was to be expended. He spoke about it to certain parties, and was told that it was being done according to specification. The question of the pier was for years before the two Boards, and he wished to know from the clerk whether they had the specification before them. The clerk said they had. Mr. O'Neill said that if they had, they knew little or nothing about it. His own idea about it was, when he saw the work laid out, that they were only laying inside the foundation of the pier proper, and that it would be faced with concrete blocks; but such is not the case, and they would have a most unsightly piece of patchwork. The Chairman said he endorsed every word that Mr. O'Neill had said. He was speaking to a gentleman he could name, if required to do so, in reference to the pier, and the remark he made was that he would not allow his man to build a gap in his fence in the same way, or with such material. Mr. O'Neill—Shingle! The Chairman—There was no blame to the contractor, who was doing his work according to the specification. The Board of Works were to blame entirely. Mr. O'Neill—What I would now propose is, that we instruct our clerk to write to the Office of Public Works, and that a copy of the specification be sent down to us, in order that we may be able to see, from time to time, whether the work was being done according to it. They should have had a competent engineer to examine the specification when they had had it for approval. Mr. O'Neill's proposition was unanimously adopted.

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